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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister has made enquiries and verified as to whether the instructions have been followed and lady vaccinators appointed?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" As the answer says, in some cases sanction of the Government to employ women vaccinators was applied for and the same was given."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Sir, the answer says: 'provided that the local bodies concerned were financially in a position to meet the cost involved.' May I know how additional cost would be involved by appointing a certain number of women vaccinators in the place of the men vaccinators?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I think some additional vaccinators will be required. That is the reason for the additional expenditure."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" In order to see if the instructions of Government are followed, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to get information regarding the number of women vaccinators employed in each of the local authorities and take steps to push through this scheme?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I do not think it is necessary. If we wait for some time, we can see how the local bodies themselves act."

Co-operation

Functions of the Registrar and the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies respectively.

*525 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the functions of the Registrar and the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies respectively?

A.—The Registrar controls the whole department. The Joint Registrar assists the Registrar in all or any of his functions and, at present, is in charge of liquidation, arbitration, execution and non-credit societies. There is no definite division of functions.

Publication of the balance sheets of Co-operative Societies in the Gazette.

*526 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the earlier stages of the co-operative movement the balance sheets of societies were being published in the Gazette;

(b) whether this practice has been discontinued, and if so, for what reasons; and

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(c) whether the desirability of insisting upon societies, at least the bigger ones, to publish their balance sheets either in the Gazette or on the notice board of the society's office in the interests of members and depositors has at any time been considered by the Government?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, for the reason that the movement, having since grown considerably, did not need that kind of propaganda.

(*c*) The Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by publishing balance sheets of societies in the Gazette. The other mode of publication suggested will, however, be considered.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—"The answer to clause (*a*) is in the affirmative. May I know, Sir, whether the publication was made free of cost or at the cost of the societies?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—"I have no information. I presume it was done free of cost."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—"May I ask the Hon. Minister, Sir, whether it is not better for the popularity of these societies that the public should be made aware of their working with facts and figures?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—"If the societies want it, publication will be made, provided they pay the cost."

Working of the Co-operative Unions.

* 527 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many unions are functioning well;

(*b*) in how many unions the collection of principal to demand was 50 per cent or more during the last three years ; and

(*c*) in how many unions societies cleared off interest to the banks by 30th June during the last three years?

A.—(*a*) It is difficult to give any definite number. Approximately one-third of the unions (of which there are just over 300) may be said to be working well.

(*b*)—

Year.	Number of unions.
1932–33	60
1933–34	62
1934–35	59

(*c*)—

Year.	Number of unions.
1932–33	82
1933–34	90
1934–35	74